

### Christine's wedding is off

By C. M. JONES

CHRISTINE TRUMAN'S love match is over.

Her engagement to Neil Kerr, 28-year-old lecturer in dental surgery, has been broken.

The decision was made a week ago but it was kept secret until yesterday.

The 21-year-old tennis star seemed so gay five months ago as she and Neil announced their wedding plans.

She looked solemn and pensive yesterday as she drove away from Buckingham Palace, where she was a guest at a reception for Commonwealth students.

She said: "I have sent back Neil's ring. I am not saying whether it is because of my tennis career or not."

And she added: "Now I am going for a quiet holiday."

At his home in Liverpool, Neil would not speak about the broken romance. "Any comment must come from the other end," he said.

#### Wimbledon

Christine will be back on the courts in two weeks' time—helping Essex in the inter-county championships.

And after that? Friends who know her best are certain that she has not given up her hopes of the Wimbledon Singles title.

They believe that the end of the love match with Neil—a non-player who did not share Christine's cherished aim—may be an added spur to the old enthusiasm.

Last week another of Christine's secrets was revealed—the fact that she is virtually blind in one eye.

# ONE MIGHTY FLASH LIGHTS UP AN OCEAN

By RONALD BEDFORD  
Mirror Science Editor

**A** MERICAN scientists exploded their first H-bomb in Space yesterday.

With a mighty flash, it turned night into day over a vast area of the Pacific Ocean.

It was 10 a.m. in Britain and 11 p.m. in the test area when the "Rainbow Bomb" was set off.

The bomb was launched by a Thor missile from the Johnston Island testing ground in the Pacific.

It exploded more than 200 miles up. The Americans said the blast was

in the "megaton range"—equal to at least a million tons of TNT.

#### Fantastic

The fantastic explosion WAS SEEN by the crew and passengers of a Canadian Pacific airliner, 4,000 miles away off New Zealand.

CHANGED night into day for seven minutes in Hawaii, 750 miles away.

CUT OFF vital radio links across the Pacific.

HALTED—but only temporarily—the judging of a beauty contest for "Miss Hawaii 1962" in Honolulu.

There, in seven minutes of rainbow changes, the sky turned white and green, then glowed pink, deepening to red.

Radio links between Australia and the United States were blacked out for twenty minutes.

#### Radar

A BBC listening post in Surrey lost contact with an Australian broadcast.

One object of the explosion: To test whether such a blast could "blind" the West's rocket-warning radar systems.

In Moscow, news of the blast electrified the Communist-run World Peace Congress. The 2,000 delegates from more than 100 countries condemned the test.

In London, some anti-nuclear demonstrators staged a sit-down after police stopped 200 marching on the American Embassy. Nineteen were arrested.

"Night into Day" Pictures—See Centre Pages.

#### 3 a.m. NEWS

### Car blaze drama—3 airmen are killed

By ED VALE

THREE American airmen were killed when their car and a lorry crashed early today. Two of them were burned to death.

Another airman in the car was badly hurt.

The crash happened on the main London-Oxford road near Denham, Bucks.

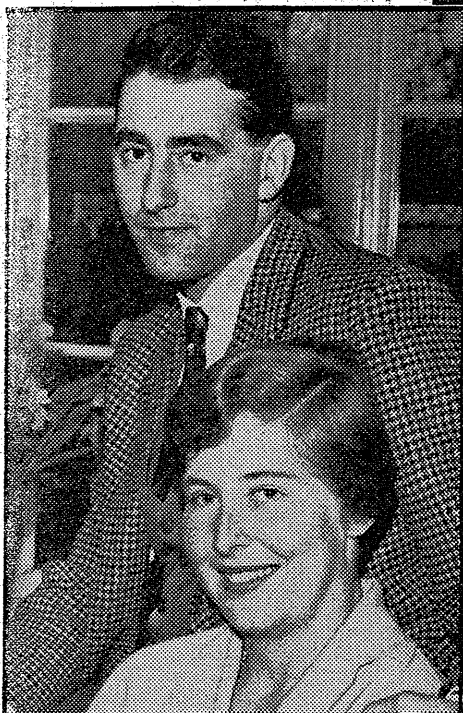
The two men who were burned to death were trapped in the back of the car, which burst into flames almost at once.

A petrol pump attendant from a nearby garage played a hand extinguisher on the flames while two men in a passing car dragged an airman from the front seat. The fourth man in the car was thrown from the wreckage.

Mr. Terence Bushell, 33, of Hillingdon, who helped in the rescue, said:

"The man who was thrown clear kept asking 'How are my buddies... There was nothing we could do for them.'"

The four airmen were driving, in a Volkswagen, from the USAF base at High Wycombe.



FLASHBACK—The couple pictured on engagement day.

YESTERDAY—Christine Truman leaves Buckingham Palace after a reception.

Picture by Mirror Cameraman Monte Fresco